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RELEASE OF INFORMATION
RE: NICHOLAS LEE SURRATT, 035010
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January 6, 2026

HARDIN COUNTY LAWYER CENSURED

On January 6, 2026, Nicholas Lee Surratt, 035010, an attorney licensed to practice law in Tennessee, received a Public Censure from the Board of Professional Responsibility of the Tennessee Supreme Court.

Mr. Surratt agreed to represent a client in transmitting a demand letter in connection with a contract dispute. The client paid a \$350 fee for drafting and transmittal of the demand letter. Mr. Surratt never drafted the demand letter and took no other action for the client. Mr. Surratt also failed to respond to the client's inquiries about the status of the representation and never refunded the \$350 fee.

By these acts, Mr. Surratt has violated Rules of Professional Conduct 1.3 (*diligence*), 1.4 (*communication*), 1.15 (*safekeeping property and funds*), and 1.16(d) (*protecting a client's interests following discharge*) and is hereby Publicly Censured for these violations. The Public Censure shall be conditioned on Mr. Surratt's payment of \$350 restitution to the client within sixty (60) days of the date of the Public Censure.

A Public Censure is a rebuke and warning to the attorney, but it does not affect the attorney's ability to practice law.

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